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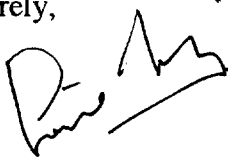
To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Docket Numbers: 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197

As a citizen, a taxpayer, a consumer, a parent of two children, and a person dismayed at the cruel treatment of farm animals by the agricultural industry, I wish to place on record the following matters which concern me greatly:

- I object most emphatically to the forced molting of hens by poultry and egg producers
- The FDA must do more than put bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures
- The FDA should completely and immediately prohibit the practice of forced molting because it has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems
- The FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices such as ***forced molting which are clearly injurious to human health***
- The FDA must immediately ban the forced molting of laying hens because forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs and consumers of eggs. Clearly, ***cruelty and contamination are closely linked!!!***
- The FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. ***This petition should be granted without further delay.***

Sincerely,



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